



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lee et al. )  
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Filed: July 18, 2003 )  
) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Serial No.: 10/623,360 )  
) Examiner: Zeinab E. El-Arini  
Title: Method for Selectively Washing Used )  
Reaction Cuvettes in an Automatic Analyzer )  
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Atty Docket No.: DCS-9176 )

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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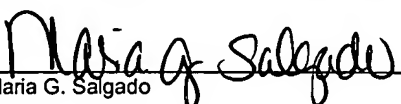
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 8, 2006, applicant hereby submits a compliant Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants believe no fee is due at this time. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, any underpayment of fees, credit any overpayments, or any other charges during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 04-0010. Three copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes.

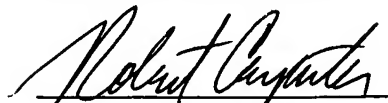
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Applicant also files herewith a copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 8, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Carpenter", written over a horizontal line.

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